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CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM ANNOUNCES PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NEW RESTORATION PLAN

Charleston, W.Va. - The Chesapeake Bay Program partners are seeking public input on a new agreement that will guide the next chapter of restoration across the watershed.

The draft *Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement* outlines a new plan for collaboration across the Bay's political boundaries and clarifies the Bay Program's vision and values. It establishes a series of interrelated goals and outcomes aimed at reducing pollution in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, home to 17 million people

The 45 day public comment period will run through March 17, 2014. Interested parties can offer input by:

• Submitting an online comment at www.chesapeakebay.net/watershedagreement

Submitting an email to agreement@chesapeakebay.net